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Former Youth Sports Official Arrested for Dealing Child Pornography

Wilmington – Following a proactive online undercover investigation by the Child Predator Task Force, Newark resident James R. Cairns, III has been arrested and charged with dealing in child pornography, Attorney General Beau Biden announced today. Cairns, who has worked part-time as a referee and umpire for youth sports in Pennsylvania, also formerly coached children's soccer when living in the Bryn Mawr area.

“With state-of-the-art technology and training, the Child Predator Task Force keeps kids safe by taking predators offline and off our neighborhood streets,” said Attorney General Biden.

Today, members of the Delaware Child Predator Task Force and a uniformed Delaware State Police Trooper executed a search warrant at 4 Mapleshade Road in Newark that was based on information gathered during an undercover investigation into the online distribution of child pornography. Cairns, 41, who lives at the residence with his parents, admitted to police that he used the Internet to locate and download child pornography. A forensic examination of computers and other digital evidence seized during the search revealed over 1,000 files of child pornography, some of which contained images of children as young as six years old. Detectives also seized several printed images of child pornography. Cairns was arrested and charged with 26 counts of dealing in child pornography. After arraignment at JP Court 2, he was committed to James T. Vaughan Correctional Center in lieu of \$780,000 secured bail. The investigation is ongoing.

A mug shot of Cairns is attached.

